

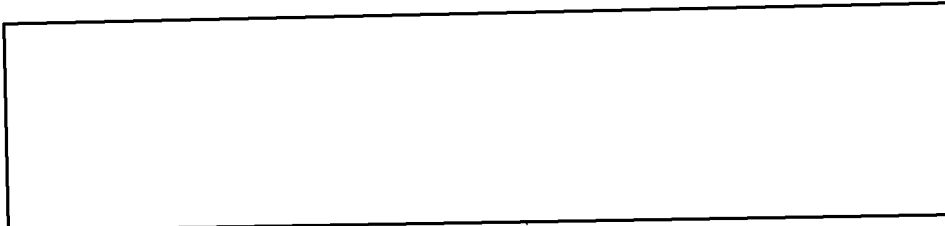
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Professor George P. Bush
The American University
School of Government and
Public Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Bush:

Thank you very much for your letter of 16 July
which I read with interest.



Your courtesy in taking the time to write to
me and your interest in our organization is most
appreciated.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

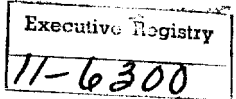
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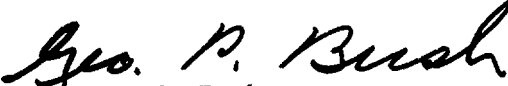
The Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I have just finished reading the book by Ransom entitled Central Intelligence and National Security, so while it is fresh in my mind it occurred to me to offer a suggestion for your consideration. No doubt this matter has been before you many times previously, in which case just file as a reiteration.

It seems to me that the Agency is missing a bet on one aspect of its public relations, its policy of being aloof and secretive in regard to such matters as are overt as distinguished from those which are covert. After a consideration of the data appearing in Ransom's three appendices and his bibliographical notes, one wonders if it would not be good for the Agency if this overt data were more widely disseminated and understood by the public? Why not draw a careful line between that which must remain covert and that which can be revealed, then on a gradual basis deliberately popularize the overt portion? In this connection, it seems to me that the FBI has drawn such a line and has benefited over the years from a popularization of some of its activities. My concept particularly applies to the situation when your Agency has moved to its new location.

Sincerely yours,


George P. Bush
Emeritus Professor

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Dr. Lazlo Bartok

Dear Dr. Bartok:

I deeply appreciate your words of sympathy
and your expression of appreciation for my brother.

It was thoughtful of you to let me know of
your feelings and I thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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